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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJECT: FMG REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN ACQUIRING C-130H'S

REF: (A) LGOS 2901, (B) STATE 093669

1. ON MAY 27 MEA DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY G. DOVE-XEDWIN AND MOD PERMANENT SECRETARY I. M. DAMCIDA CALLED AMBASSADOR IN AND MADE FORMAL, ORAL REQUEST THAT USG ASSIST FMG IN ACQUIRING SIX HERCVULES C-130H'S. DAMCIDA, SPEAKING FOR MEA AND MOD, STATED FMG HAD GIVEN MUCH CONSIDERATION TO THE PURCHASING OF "HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT" OF VARIOUS TYPES AND HAD CONCLUDED, AFTER CAREFUL SURVEYS OF OTHER TRANSPORT PLANES, THAT C-130 BEST SERVES THE NEEDS OF NIGERIA. BOTH MEN STRESSED THAT THEY AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE FMG REALIZE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST APPROACH TO THE US FOR MILITARY STOCK OF ANY TYPE SINCE THE CIVIL WAR AND THAT THEY HOPED THE USG WOULD BE COOPERATIVE. WHILE MANY MIDDLEMEN HAVE SOUGHT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, THE FMG PREFERS A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION PROGRAM. SIX C-139'S WILL REPRESENT ONLY AN INITIAL PURCHASE OF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, THOUGH THE FMG HAS NOT DECIDED WHEN ADDITIONAL PLANES WILL BE NEEDED.

2. THE AMBASSADOR PROMISED AN EXPEDITIOUS TRANSMITTAL OF THE REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. HE ALSO REQUESTED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE REQUEST, WHICH DAMCIDXA WILL FURNISH WITHIN SHORT TIME.

3. COMMENT: MILITARY ACQUISITION PROGRAM ENVISIONED IN REF A AT LEAST PARTIALLY CONFIRMED BY THIS REQUEST. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS

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